GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4498
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Adoption of Village
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has adopted drought hit villages to help farmers;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which ISRO is going to help the villagers in these villages;
(c) whether ISRO has any plan to adopt more such villages in the coming years; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) As a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, Antrix Corporation Limited, a Public Sector Unit under Department of Space and the commercial arm of ISRO, has adopted Brahmasandra Village, Tumukuru district, Karnataka.

(b) Adoption of Brahmasandra village is through Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation (BAIF), an NGO, empanelled by the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, New Delhi. Various activities planned include rain water harvesting, tank rejuvenation, construction of water harvesting structures, skill development, income generation, women empowerment, construction of household toilets, Anganwadis, services to livestock and fodder development. These activities are expected to improve agricultural productivity, availability of drinking water, sanitation facilities, ground water table, milk production, children's education, women empowerment and formation of a vibrant village development community for sustaining the benefits. Overall, the project aims to improve the quality of life of farmers and to address the basic needs of the village community.

(c) No Madam. Adoption of more number of villages has not been envisaged at present.

(d) Does not arise.

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